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- 1. FOLLOWING TWO-DAY NOUAKCHOTT VISIT, MOHAMED ABD'EL JEWAD, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ARAB LIBYAN BANK FOR EXTERIOR COMMERCE (BALCE) ANNOUNCED MARCH 8 EXTENSION OF 18 MILLION DOLLARS IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE LIBYAN-ARAB MAURITANIAN BANK.
- 2. COMMENT: TOGETHER WITH OTHER RECENT LIBYAN PROJECTS, E.G.
 NEW NOUAKCHOTT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEAR SPORTS AREA, AND OPENING
 OF SECOND CULTURAL CENTER IN CHINGUETTI, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
 GIRM REPRESENTS FLIP SIDE OF RECORD OF CONTINUING LIBYAN MILITARY
 ASSISTANCE TO POLISARIO GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. ABILITY OF
 LIBYNAS TO CONTINUE REMARKABLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH GIRM
 (CASE IN POINT AS EMOTIONAL NOTE OF CONDOLENCES SENT SAME DAY
 BY PRESIDENT DADDAH TO PRESIDENT KADHAFI ON LEARNING OF DEATH
 OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT LIBYANS IN RECENT PLANE CRASH) SEEMS AS
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